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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: LAYZELL, D.B., *et al.*  
Serial Number: 10/040,469  
Filed: January 9, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 3643  
Title: Methods for Enhancing Plant Growth Using  
Hydrogen Gas  
Examiner: Gellner, J.L.  
Agent Ref. No.: 1998-016-08US

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition that the time for filing a reply to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002 be extended under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for one month. A Fee Transmittal form, in respect of the extension fee of \$55.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1), is being filed simultaneously herewith. Please charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 17-0110.

Inquiries concerning this application may be directed to the undersigned agent or Carol Miernicki Steeg (Reg. No. 39,539) at 613-533-2342.

Respectfully submitted,

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